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Order of Business: The House is expected to consider H.R. 1699 on Thursday, June 7, subject to a modified open rule under which only those amendments which have been preprinted in the Congressional Record are in order.

Summary: H.R. 1699 would authorize \$5.3 billion for Coast Guard programs in FY2002—**\$834 million (or 18.8%) more than the appropriation for FY2001 and \$300 million (or 6.0%) more than President Bush's request.** Below are the authorization levels for each of the six accounts in which programs are authorized.

Coast Guard Authorizations

Millions of Dollars

Account	FY 2001 Approps	FY 2002 Request (Bush)	FY 2002 Authorization H.R. 1699	H.R. 1699 over FY 01	H.R. 1699 over Bush
Operations & Maintenance <i>Pending Supplemental Request*</i>	3,192.0 92.0	3,382.8	3,682.8	15.4%	8.9%
Acquisition & Maintenance	415.0	659.3	659.3	58.9%	0.0%
Research & Development	21.3	21.7	21.7	1.9%	0.0%
Retired Pay	778.0	876.3	876.3	0.0%	0.0%
Bridge Alteration	15.5	15.5	15.5	0.0%	0.0%
Environmental Compliance	16.7	16.9	16.9	1.2%	0.0%
TOTAL	4,438.5	4,972.5	5,272.5	18.8%	6.0%

* On June 1, 2001 President Bush submitted a request for an additional \$92 million for FY 2001. However, this increase would be offset from a reduction in spending for construction projects along I-49 in Arkansas.

- Within the “Operation and Maintenance” authorization, \$5.5 million would be available for the commercial fishing vessel safety program.
- Within the “Acquisition and Construction” authorization, not less than \$338 million would be available for the Coast Guard’s Integrated Deepwater System.

H.R. 1699 would also authorize the hire of 44,000 active-duty personnel, a 10.9% increase over the current personnel total of an estimated 39,665.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to the CBO, H.R. 1699 would authorize \$4.4 billion (\$4,396.2 million) in *discretionary* Coast Guard spending for FY2002, plus \$876.3 million in *mandatory* Coast Guard retirement spending for the same timeframe.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No, H.R. 1699 would reauthorize existing Coast Guard programs.

Constitutional Authority: The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure cites Article I, Section 8 as the basis of constitutional authority for this bill. The Committee does not cite a specific clause within Section 8.

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AMENDMENTS

Biggert – Authorizes an additional \$2 million to pay the Federal share of the cost of demolishing the Old Coast Guard Station located at the north end of the inner Chicago Harbor and construct a new facility at that site for use as a marine safety station. The Federal share may not exceed one-third of the total cost of the project.

Trafficant – Requires that any new vessels constructed for the Coast Guard with funds authorized under this Act shall:

1. be constructed in the U.S.
2. not be constructed with steel from foreign countries
3. be constructed in compliance with the Buy America Act

Hoekstra – Authorizes an additional \$2.028 million specifically for the operations and maintenance of the Coast Guard air search and rescue facility in Muskegon, Michigan

Shadegg – Requires the Secretary of Transportation to undertake a study of the structural designs of recreational vessels, including houseboats, for the purpose of identifying and recommending methods of addressing defects that are likely to create conditions that result in carbon monoxide poisoning. The Secretary is required to carry out the study within the funds already authorized under the Act
